The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I have already answered that."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" May I know if the assurances that they gave were to the effect that they will follow any particular route or anything else ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " That they would not disobey any lawful orders which might be issued by the Commissioner of Police."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I take it that there was no order of any Magistrate ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I do not hear the question, Sir."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know, Sir, if the release was in accordance with section 63 ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Yes, Sir. The Commissioner of Police is a Presidency Magistrate then."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I take it that it is not the case of an ordinary magistrate releasing them ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The Commissioner of Police can release them."

Alleged application for warrant of arrest against certain Andhra leaders.

* 1457-D Q.—Mr. C. OBI REDDI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that on 17th February 1929 the Police of the City of Madras applied for warrants of arrest against Messrs. Pattabhi Sitharamiah, Suryaprakasa Rao and Annapurniah and whether the same were granted ;

(*b*) under what provision of law the warrants were applied for and granted ; and

(*c*) what was the nature of the incriminating material which the Police had collected against the said gentlemen before they applied for warrants of arrest ?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Public Health

Progress of the drainage scheme of the Salem Municipality.

1458 Q.—Rao Bahadur S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the drainage scheme of the Salem Municipality at present is ; and

(*b*) the reason for the delay in the starting of the scheme ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The estimates for the drainage scheme were revised by the Sanitary Engineer and have been scrutinized by the Chief Engineer. Orders sanctioning them will issue shortly. The scheme can be started only after the estimates are approved by the Government.

Municipalities

Construction of the Salem Municipal College buildings.

1459 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the hostel ground in Salem town was selected for the construction of the new building of the Salem Municipal College; and

(*b*) if so, why the work has not yet been commenced?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Salem Municipal Council originally selected the hostel ground for the construction of the new buildings for the Municipal College; but as it was found unsuitable the Council subsequently agreed to construct the buildings on the foreshore of the Maravaneri tank. The Collector of Salem has been asked to acquire the latter site and the Director of Town-Planning is preparing the requisite plans.

Irrigation

Relation between the Pulichintala and Tungabhadra Schemes.

1460 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any connection between the proposed construction of a reservoir at Pulichintala (Wadamapalli) and the Tungabhadra scheme in the sense that if one is taken up the other need not or cannot be taken up at all; and

(*b*) whether both serve the same area?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the report of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee printed with G.O. No. 1973 I., dated 16th December 1926, which has been placed on the Editors' Table, and the answers to question No. 601 at the meeting of the 18th October 1927, and question No. 1449 at the meeting of 25th January 1928. It will be seen from these papers that the idea is to construct a diversion dam from Pulichintala and thus irrigate lands in the Guntur district, and also to extend irrigation in the Kistna delta. If this is found feasible, a reservoir at Pulichintala may not be required at all.

(*b*) A reservoir at Pulichintala would serve only the Kistna and Guntur districts, while the Tungabhadra-Kistna project, as recommended by the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee, with a reservoir at Timmalapuram which is now being investigated would, besides irrigating lands in these two districts, serve also the Ceded districts.